



Marine Air Control Squadron 2
Commanding Officer's
Policy Statement on Family Readiness
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The Marines and Sailors of MACS-2 have always loyally carried out their duties, often sacrificing daily for our country. However, we should be mindful that sacrificing with us are our spouses, children, mothers and fathers. We should never forget the long periods of separation, the daily stresses of military life, and the hard work which our families provide and which enable us to perform our mission.

Family readiness is crucial to our mission accomplishment and is an inherent responsibility of every Marine. Families who are knowledgeable about squadron events and prepared for military life can better bear the difficult sacrifices that they will inevitably face. Families who are connected can support each other. Military families should not have to bear the burdens of military life alone.

Assisting MACS-2 in this great responsibility is our Family Readiness Officer (FRO). Our FRO exists to support the families of this command and will assist in ensuring our families are informed and networked. I encourage you to contact the FRO and take advantage of services provided by the MACS-2 Family Readiness Program, and also encourage the use of the resources available at our military bases.

Marines understand the leadership principle of keeping their Marines informed. Marines should extend that principle to their families. Families require information to make solid decisions and must be enabled for success. Access to credible and accurate information will be the hallmark of the MACS-2 Family Readiness Program. Preparation for deployment, support through the deployment, and assistance beyond post-deployment reunion will be provided in order to strengthen family bonds and lessen the stresses of deployment as much as possible.

Keeping our families knowledgeable, informed, and prepared is a continual process that will be a part of our daily routine. Leaders will ensure that when decisions are made, families are informed when necessary, and that families are continually ready for the challenges ahead. Once the mission is complete, our Family Readiness Program will ensure our Marines can return to their loved ones and continue the life-long journey as a family...and as part of the Marine Corps and MACS-2 family.

Semper Fidelis!

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